

MEETING MINUTES
NORTHWEST PORT CHARLOTTE WATERWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
March 20, 2014 – Regular Meeting
3:00 p.m. - Building Construction Services Conference Room

Attendees: Joseph Fabini, Paul Elliott, Ron Larrivee, and Robert Olson Jr.

Absent: Mark Fitzpatrick (excused)

County: Judith Nothdurft, and Sandy Wright

Guests: Sign-in sheet attached

The meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m. with a roll call establishing a quorum is present.

The minutes from the January 23, 2014 were unanimously approved as written.

Public Input:

Mr. Pilch asked the following questions:

1. Is the dredging project still within the budget?
2. Is the dredging project within the required timeframe?
3. When will permanent markers be installed?
4. Will the contractor be responsible for repairing any road damage they may cause? Did the Contractor post a Bond?
5. What route will be used to haul away the dredged material?

Unfinished Business:

Dredging Project – Mr. Jamie Cohlmeier from Coastal Engineering Consultants was present to provide a status update on the dredging project. The contractor has dredged approximately 22,000 of the 35,000 cubic yards (cu. yd.) of material that was required to be removed as of March 1, 2014. They are averaging the removal of 3,200 cu. yd. per month. The highest amount of dredging was done in February with approximately 6,000 cu. yd. The dredged material is being hauled off to a location in North Port as the project moves along. Mr. Cohlmeier will follow-up on obtaining the trucking route map for the dredged material.

- **Time Frame** – The dredging contractor is significantly behind schedule and is likely to move into liquidated damages. However, an additional request for an extension of time has been submitted. Previous extensions were granted due to poor weather conditions. The permit authorization to dredge in the Shellfish Harvest area expires on June 5, 2014. All in water work must be completed by June 5, 2014; however shore clean-up work can continue after that date. The contractor hopes to be done by the end of April, but the dredging will more likely be completed by the middle to end of May.
- **Cost** – The contractor will likely move into liquidated damages, which is a deduction from the contractor's bid price of a fixed amount per day for each day the contractor works beyond the contract project completion date. Those funds will be refunded to the MSBU to be used for other items such as the County staff inspection time or the Consultant's time which ran over due to the extended time spent on the project.
- **Markers** – The markers will likely be put into place within 30 days after the in water work is done. This funding will come from the Marine Advisory Committee for a separate contract. The PVC markers will remain in place until the permanent markers are installed.

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- Speed Zones – are set by the manatee protection areas. The minimum wake zones would remain the same unless the Committee requested a change.
- Mr. Fabini reported that going out the Apollo it looks like the channel goes south towards Riverwood. The channel does meander through the deepest water, which was done on purpose to minimize the amount of dredging.
- The Cheshire and Venus waterways are to be dredged all the way to the bridges. Currently the dredgers are in the Venus Waterway as well as inside the markers that lead to the Cheshire Waterway.
- Mr. Cohlmeier distributed areal maps that were created in November 2013 as a progress survey and explained them to the members. The Apollo survey showed some high spots that will be addressed. There was a high area at the entrance of the Apollo that was not in the original plan however; a swap of additional time to the contractor for the dredging of that area was done. Mr. Cohlmeier will forward the reviewed maps to Ms. Nothdurft to email to the Committee to enable each member to have their own copy.
- The Committee expressed that they are happy with the dredging project.

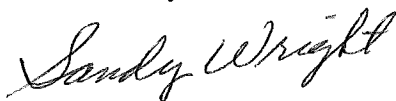
New Business:

- Financial Reports – The 3 Month Actual and Activity Reports were distributed for review and discussion. It appears that there is approximately an \$81,000 overage in Revenues & Balances in the 3 Month Actual column over the amount budgeted. Ms. Nothdurft agreed it appears that way at the time the report was printed and will send the next Financial History Actual Report as soon as it is available. Ms. Nothdurft will follow-up.
- Ms. Nothdurft will follow up on how long the General Development Corporation payments will continue to the NW Port Charlotte Waterway MSBU.
- Ms. Nothdurft will follow up to get a contact regarding the water pipes hanging down below the bridge on Biscayne. They are not straight and hang down as much as 18 inches.
- New member binders were distributed. The two new members will coordinate a date to meet with Ms. Nothdurft for a brief orientation.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 21, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

Submitted by:



Sandy Wright
Public Works Department

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